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March 17, 2008

**By Hand**

The Honorable Richard M. Berman  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street, Room 650  
New York, New York 10007

**MEMO ENDORSED**

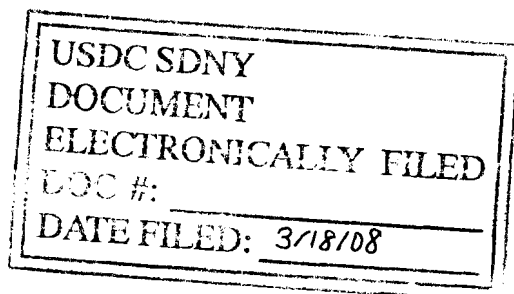
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Re: United States v. Lou Colon-Lugo  
08 Cr. 77 (RMB)

Dear Judge Berman:

The next pretrial conference is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. The Government has produced discovery, and the parties have been involved in discussions, but those discussions will not be completed by tomorrow. Therefore, the parties respectfully request that the pre-trial conference scheduled for tomorrow be adjourned for approximately three weeks. Your Honor's deputy has provided the date of April 10, 2008, at 3:00 p.m., as a time for the next conference.

If Your Honor grants this request, then the Government respectfully requests that the Court exclude time from March 19, 2008, until April 10, 2008, pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(8)(A). The ends of justice served by such continuance outweigh the interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial because the continuance will allow the defendant and the Government time to



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continue discussions about a possible pre-trial resolution to this case. Defense counsel consents to this request for an adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

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Application is granted. The  
conference is adjourned to  
4-10-08 at 3:00 p.m. Time is  
excluded pursuant to the Speedy  
Trial Act for the reasons set forth  
in this letter.

SO ORDERED:

Date: 3-18-08

Richard M. Berman  
Richard M. Berman, U.S.D.J.